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METHOD AND BALLAST FOR DRIVING A HIGH-PRESSURE GAS DISCHARGE LAMP

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: